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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BUJARD ET AL.

Examiner

William P. Fletcher III

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see the remarks, filed June 6, 2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 4 and 5 under 35 USC 103(a) in the prior Office action, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Pelzig neither teaches nor suggests the inclusion of such pigments in a printing ink for textile printing. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Rathschlag (US 2004/0101671 A1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bujard et al. (US 5,766,335 A) in view of Rathschlag (US 2004/0101671 A1).

- A. Bujard is cited again as in prior Office actions. Applicant has not traversed the Examiner's position that Bujard teaches the structure reproduced in the prior Office action.
 - B. While Bujard does not place any particular limitation on the types of substrates that may be coated, the reference does not expressly teach a textile fiber material.
 - C. Rathschlag teaches a process in which an effect pigment-containing printing ink is applied to a textile substrate [0022].
 - D. Consequently, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the process of Bujard so as to utilize, as the substrate, a textile fiber substrate, as suggested by Rathschlag. One skilled in the art would have been motivated to do so by the desire and end expectation of successfully applying the composition thereto, based on the teaching of Rathschlag that it is known in the art to do so.
5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bujard et al. (US 5,766,335 A) in view of Rathschlag (US 2004/0101671 A1), as applied to claim 4 above, further in view of Ramaswami et al. (US 6,315,384 B1) or Yamazaki et al. (US 2002/0043662 A1).
- A. Bujard and Rathschlag are applied as detailed above. Bujard teaches that, instead of Al, Si may be used [3:33-40].
 - B. It is the Examiner's position that a silicon surface, under normal, ambient conditions, has, on the surface thereof, a layer of native oxide. Applicant has not

traversed this position. Ramaswami attests to the presence of this native oxide in polycrystalline silicon [39:55-40:27] and Yamazaki attests to the presence of this native oxide in amorphous silicon as well [0156].

C. Since Bujard is silent with respect to any active steps to prevent/remove such a native oxide, it is the Examiner's position that, in the process of Bujard where Si is used, said silicon will inherently possess a native oxide film, with a structure of SiO_x , where x ranges from 1-2 — as evidenced by Ramaswami and Yamazaki — thereby satisfying the structures reproduced in the prior Office action. Applicant has not traversed this position either.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Fletcher III whose telephone number is (571) 272-1419. The examiner can normally be reached on Sunday, 5:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Monday through Friday, 5:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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